

7 seal when the cover piece is closed with respect to the base piece, wherein the seal is
 8 comprised of a groove associated with the one of first interface or the second interface
 9 and a peripheral rim associated with the other of the first interface or the second
 10 interface;

11 wherein the hermetic seal is formed between the rim and the groove at a
 12 plurality of sealing locations.

1 2. (Pending) The makeup container of claim 1, wherein the groove is
 2 defined by a peripheral wall and the peripheral edge of the peripheral rim being
 3 received between the first periphery and the peripheral wall.

1 3. (Pending) The makeup container of claim 2, wherein the first periphery
 2 includes a bulge.

1 4. (Pending) The makeup container of claim 3, wherein the first periphery
 2 and the second periphery are circular.

1 5. (Pending) The makeup container of claim 1, further comprising: an outer
 2 body coupled about the cover piece and the base piece, wherein the outer body includes
 3 a cavity, the cavity allowing expansion of the cover piece or the base piece.

1 6. (Once Amended) The makeup container of claim [5] 3, wherein the
 2 [cavity is large enough to allow expansion during loss-in-weight tests] plurality of
 3 sealing locations include a first generally planar interface between the rim and the bulge
 4 and a second generally planar interface between the rim and the peripheral wall of the
 5 groove.

1 7. (Pending) The makeup container of claim 6, wherein the first piece and
 2 the second piece are integral and joined by a living hinge.

1 8. (Once Amended) A compact for containing a cosmetic substance with an
 2 air-tight seal, the compact comprising:

3 a first section; and

4 a second section, the first section engaging the second section in generally

5 planar contact to form the air-tight seal, the air-tight seal maintaining the first section in

6 a closed position with respect to the second section.

1 9. (Pending) The compact of claim 8, wherein the compact makes an audible
2 sound indicating the air-tight seal is established when the first section engages the
3 second section.

1 10. (Pending) The compact of claim 9, wherein the first section has a first
2 circular cavity, the circular cavity having a first peripheral wall, wherein the second
3 section has a second peripheral wall, the second peripheral wall sliding between the first
4 peripheral wall and an edge of the first circular cavity to form the seal.

1 11. (Once Amended) The compact of claim 10, wherein the second peripheral
2 wall includes a lip.

1 12. (Once Amended) The compact of claim 11, wherein [the lip extends away
2 from an outside surface of the rim] a sealing surface of the lip is generally coplanar
3 with a sealing surface of the first peripheral wall when the second section is in the
4 closed position.

1 13. (Pending) The compact of claim 10, wherein the second section has a
2 second circular cavity for holding the cosmetic substance, the second circular cavity
3 being defined by the second peripheral wall.

1 14. (Once Amended) A makeup case for holding a cosmetic substance, the
2 case including a cover and a base, the base including makeup, the cover being movable
3 to an upper, open position and to a lower, closed position, an improvement comprising:
4 a hermetic seal when the cover is in the lower, closed position, whereby
5 the seal maintains the cover in a closed position;

6 wherein the seal comprises a groove having a bulge associated with the
7 cover and a peripheral rim associated with the base, the rim being received in the
8 groove in at least partial planar engagement with the bulge when the cover is in the
9 closed position.

1 15. (Once Amended) The makeup case of claim 14, wherein [the seal is
2 comprised of a groove associated with the cover and a peripheral rim associated with
3 the base, the rim being received in the groove when the cover is closed] the bulge is
4 generally curved.

1 16. (Pending) The makeup case of claim 15, wherein the improvement makes
2 an audible sound when the cover is brought to the closed position.

1 17. (Pending) The makeup case of claim 16, wherein the improvement makes
2 another audible sound when the cover is brought to the upper position from the closed
3 position.

1 18. (Pending) The makeup case of claim 15, wherein the groove includes a
2 first peripheral wall and an edge.

1 19. (Once Amended) The makeup case of claim 18, wherein substantially all
2 components associated with the seal are integral with the base and the cover.

1 20. (Pending) The makeup case of claim 19, wherein the first peripheral wall
2 is shorter than the edge.

1 21. (Pending) The makeup container of Claim 1 wherein the peripheral rim is
2 generally circular shaped.

1 22. (Pending) The makeup container of Claim 1 wherein the peripheral rim is
2 generally blunt.

1 ~~23. (Once Amended) A compact for storing makeup comprising:~~

2 a first platform coupled to a second platform and configured for selective
3 movement between a first position and a second position relative to the first platform;

4 a rim [having a shape] extending from the second platform; and

5 a channel disposed between a first wall and a second wall of the first
6 platform and having [a shape corresponding to the shape of the rim] at least one
7 generally planar sealing surface.

8 wherein when the second platform is in the first position the rim is
9 received by the channel to provide a generally hermetic seal between the first platform
10 and the second platform at the at least one generally planar sealing surface.

1 24. (Pending) The compact of Claim 23 wherein the rim is generally circular
2 shaped.

1 25. (Once Amended) The compact of Claim 24 wherein the [rim further
2 includes a plurality of sealing portions, and the channel further includes a plurality of
3 blunt shaped sealing surfaces and at least one sealing portion is in direct contact with] at
4 least one sealing surface [to form the hermetic seal] comprises a bulge.

1 26. (Pending) The compact of Claim 25 wherein an integral hinge couples the
2 first platform to the second platform.

1 27. (Once Amended) The compact of Claim 26 wherein the rim is integral
2 with the [cover] second platform and the first and second walls are integral with the
3 first platform.

1 28. (Pending) The compact of Claim 27 wherein the first wall has a height
2 substantially greater than the height of the second wall.

1 29. (Pending) The compact body of Claim 28 wherein the first platform and
2 the second platform are made of plastic.

1 30. (Pending) The compact of Claim 29 further comprising an interface for
2 positioning the second platform between the first and the second position.

1 31. (Pending) The compact of Claim 30 further comprising a generally
2 circular shaped cavity configured to receive the makeup.

1 32. (Pending) The compact of Claim 31 wherein the channel has a width less
2 than the width of the rim.

1 33. (Pending) The compact of Claim 32 further comprising a housing for
2 receiving the first platform and the second platform.

1 34. (Pending) The compact of Claim 33 wherein the rim is generally blunt.

1 35. (Pending) The compact of Claim 23 wherein a generally planar portion of
2 the rim engages a generally planar portion of the channel.

1 36. (Pending) The compact of Claim 25 wherein each of the sealing portions
2 are generally planar and each of the sealing surfaces are generally planar.

1 37. (Pending) A container for storing cosmetics comprising:
2 a base integrally molded to a cover such that the cover is selectively
3 positionable between a first position and a second position relative to the base; and
4 means for forming a generally hermetic seal between the cover and the
5 base coupled to the cover and the base,
6 wherein the generally hermetic seal is formed when the cover is in the
7 first position.

1 38. (Pending) The container of Claim 37 wherein the means for forming the
2 generally hermetic seal further includes a generally blunt rim extending from one of the
3 cover or the base and a groove configured for receiving the rim disposed between a first
4 wall and a second wall extending from one of the cover or the base.